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SUBJ: IMCO - MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (MSC)

1. SUMMARY: IMCO MSC MET 17-21 MARCH 1975 WITH ALL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. ALL US OBJECTIVES WERE ATTAINED.  
END SUMMARY

2. DR. SPINELLI (ITALY) RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN. SORIANELLO (ARGENTINA) ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN. SEVEN COUNTRIES WERE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS: AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, CUBA, DENMARK, HUNGARY, AND SIERRA LEONE.

3. MSC DECIDED THAT ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 1960 SOLAS CONVENTION, AND ALL FUTURE PROPOSALS, BE IN THE FORM OF RECOMMENDATIONS (LANGUAGE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION). FORMAL AMENDMENTS TO SOLAS 74 TO BE ACTED ON AFTER SOLAS 74 COMES INTO FORCE.

4. PROPOSED EQUIVALENT TO REG 27 OF LOAD LINE CONVENTION WAS APPROVED.

5. GAS CARRIER CODE APPROVED FOR NEW VESSELS. EXISTING VESSEL TO BE ADDRESSED AS SOON AS COMPLETED.

6. TONNAGE ADJUSTMENT, FOR BALLAST SPACES ON SEGREGATED  
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BALLAST TANKERS WAS DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MSC MEETING. IN

INTERIM, RAPPORTEUR COUNTRY (US) TO COLLATE INFORMATION  
SUBMITTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND DEFINE SCOPE OF PROBLEM.

7. MSC DECIDED TO CREATE A NEW SUBCOMMITTEE TO REPLACE  
THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON BULK CHEMICALS AND GAS CAR-  
RIERS IN CY 1976. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL  
STRUCTURE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY MEPC AND MSC AT THEIR NEXT  
SESSIONS.

8. WORKING GROUP ON SEARCH AND RESCUE NOW SCHEDULED FOR  
MEETING DEC. 1975 AS REGULAR IMCO MEETING. BECAUSE ICAO  
HAS SPECIFIED SAR COORDINATION ZONES FOR AREAS OF CONCERN  
TO SAR WORKING GROUP, QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICA DID NOT  
ARISE.

9. AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON SUBSTANDARD SHIPS TO BE CON-  
VENED 28 TO 30 JULY 1975 TO CONSIDER METHODS OF MORE  
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL PROVISIONS OF INTER-  
NATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS IN FORCE.

10. US PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 29 LOAD LINE CON-  
VENTION 1966 ADOPTED BY MSC 12 (US) - 1 (FRANCE) - 3  
(ITALY, JAPAN AND SPAIN). UNANIMOUS CONSENT RULED OUT  
DUE TO FRENCH AVOWED INTENT TO OBJECT.

11. FOR IO: MSC AGREED, AS EXPERIMENTAL MEASURE, TO DIS-  
CONTINUE SUMMARY RECORDS.

12. NEXT SESSION MSC RE-SCHEDULED TO 22-26 SEPTEMBER 1975.  
LEGAL COMMITTEE RE-SCHEDULED TO 13-17 OCTOBER 1975.  
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